

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M No. 26596 of 2018
Decided on: 28.8.2018**

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondents

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. K.S. Aulakh, DAG, Punjab

Rajbir Sehrawat, J.(Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail to the petitioner pending trial in FIR No. 102 dated 23.6.2016, under Sections 307/34 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Division No.5, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the present case are false and concocted. The petitioner is not involved in this case. Even his name is not mentioned in the FIR. No recovery has been made from the petitioner and he is in custody since 3.10.2016.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, being instructed by HC Judge Singh, has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Rajan Sharma, ACP (HQ), additional charge Civil Lines, Ludhiana, disclosing that there are as many as 11 cases against the petitioner including serious offences punishable

under Sections 307, 302, 379B and 174A IPC. The petitioner has also been declared a proclaimed person.

It is contended by the learned State counsel that although custody of the petitioner has been long and trial has not started but the prosecution is not responsible for this delay. In fact, there are 3 more persons accused in this case and all of them are having number of cases against them. The accused have not been appearing before the Court, resulting into the fact that the trial has not completed so far.

In view of the above facts, this Court does not find any extenuating circumstances in favour of the petitioner for granting bail pending trial. Therefore, finding no merit in the case, the present petition is dismissed.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

28.8.2018

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Speaking/Non-speaking : Yes/No
Reportable/Reasoned : Yes/No